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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Kevin Quarterman

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 October 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 17 October 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s) _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Chuang (US 6445122).
3. Regarding independent claim 1, Figure 3 of Chuang shows a field emission display device comprising a substrate (52); an anode electrode (62) formed on the substrate; an insulation layer (56) disposed on the substrate covering the anode electrodes except a pixel area formed on the anode electrode; a phosphor layer (66) disposed on the pixel area in contact with the anode electrode; a cathode electrode (58) formed on the insulation layer between the phosphor layers; and a carbon nanotube emitter (60) disposed on the cathode electrode.
4. Regarding claim 2, Figure 2 of Chuang shows the carbon nanotube emitter being disposed at least one edge of the cathode electrode.
5. Regarding claims 3 and 13, Figure 3 of Chuang shows the anode electrode and the cathode electrode having a structure of plural line patterns and intersecting each other at a right angle.

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6. Regarding claim 4, Figure 3 of Chuang shows the carbon nanotube emitter corresponding each phosphor layer being arranged at the same intervals as the phosphor layers covering an edge of the cathode electrode.

7. Regarding claim 5, Figure 3 of Chuang shows the carbon nanotube emitter being disposed in a line pattern covering an edge of the cathode electrode.

8. Regarding claim 6, Figure 3 of Chuang shows the carbon nanotube emitter corresponding each phosphor layer being arranged at the same intervals as the phosphor layers covering both edges of the cathode electrode.

9. Regarding claim 7, Figure 3 of Chuang shows the carbon nanotube emitter being disposed in a line pattern covering both edges of the cathode electrode.

10. Regarding claim 8, Figure 1B of Chuang shows that a gate electrode may be disposed between the anode electrode and the cathode electrode.

11. Regarding claims 9 and 14, Figure 1B of Chuang shows a transparent front substrate (14) coupled with the substrate by a sealant (38) while a space between the substrate and the front substrate is kept as vacuum.

12. Regarding claims 10 and 15, Figure 1B of Chuang shows the front substrate having a transparent electrode (22) on a surface thereof facing the substrate.

13. Regarding independent claims 11 and 12, Chuang discloses all of the limitations of claims 1-8, as discussed earlier.

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Conclusion

14. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Karpov (US 5965971) discloses an edge emitter display device. Yamaura (US 6468584) discloses a conductive thin film patterned substrate.

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kevin Quarterman whose telephone number is (703) 308-6546. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8-4:30).

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